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1. The headquarters of the entire Central Asia Military District are located in Tashkent and the district commander [redacted] in 1949 was General Petroff. His headquarters were situated on Vlitsa Gogol, not far from the main office of the Communist Party. 50X1-HUM
2. Approximately 300,000 men (armored troops and infantry) were stationed in Tashkent and vicinity. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
3. The armored troops were equipped with the most modern type of tank, the Stalin III. [redacted] 260 of these tanks in a parade [redacted] was only a small portion of the total number in the area. Also in this parade [redacted] a new type of rocket launcher truck which was known as the "Black Death". It is capable of launching a much larger rocket than those used by the Soviets during World War II. [redacted] it was never used by the Soviets during World War II. 50X1-HUM
4. [redacted] between Samarkand and Kattakurgan there is a large camp used in the summer and this whole area is used for maneuvers when weather permits. 50X1-HUM
5. Also at Tashkent there is an airborne school and a tank school [redacted]. The men of the airborne troops wore the regular USSR Army uniform with the exception of an airplane propeller insignia on the collars. The nearest English equivalent of the name of these troops is "Descent". All these troops are equipped with automatic weapons. In one parade [redacted] over 2000 of these troops. 50X1-HUM
6. There is a garrison of approximately 50,000 ground troops at Alma Ata with a general in charge [redacted] in Merv [redacted] when the railroad which is being constructed to that point is finished, a garrison would be installed. 50X1-HUM

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